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SUBJECT: UKRAINE: TOO EARLY TO WRITE OFF ROSUKRENERGO (RUE)  
IN 2009

Classified By: Economic Counselor Edward Kaska for reasons 1.4 (b), (d)

1. (C) Summary. Prime Minister Yuliya Tymoshenko has repeatedly promised to remove all intermediaries in the gas trade with Russia, but Russia  
Conditions Must be Met before RUE Removed  
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2. (C) Gas intermediary RosUkrEnergo (RUE), could still play a role in Ukraine's energy sector next year, despite the gas memorandum signed or

3. (SBU) The October 2 memorandum aims to establish direct, long-term gas relations between Naftohaz and Gazprom beginning on January 1, 2009.

4. (U) As a follow-up to the October 2 memo, Naftohaz Chairman Oleh Dubyna and Gazprom Head Alexei Miller last week concluded another agreemer

5. (SBU) Both sides did agree that the amount of gas that Ukraine transports across its territory on Gazprom's behalf in 2009 will be the same

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6. (C) EconOff spoke with Naftohaz Deputy Chairman Vitaliy Gnatushenko on October 27 regarding the GOU's plans to eliminate RUE from the gas s  
KUE To Replace RUE?  
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7. (SBU) While details are few, local press has reported that a new gas intermediary called "KazUkrEnergo AG" could take RUE's place and sell  
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8. (C) Although media report that Tymoshenko -- by concluding this latest gas agreement -- has achieved her long held goal of removing RUE fr